

CALL THE BALL

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The Newsletter of the 130th Composite Flight

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Activity - October

30th Colorful Civilian Wear - FUN NIGHT

Activity - November

3rd ,4th Wing Foxhunt (Lakeville Airport)

6th BDUs PT/Safety

13th BLUEs Moral Leadership / Leadership

20th BDUs ES Webgear/Communications

27th BLUEs Drill Down/Aerospace

COMMANDERS CORNER

Our unit in conjunction with Viking (Eden Prairie) and Valley (Burnsville) will focus on the ES mission of Civil Air Patrol. What this means is we will be working overtime to give you opportunities to train and meet the requirements for Ground Team Member, Urban Direction Finder and Ground Team Leader. This is your best chance to earn the Ground Team Badge ever. *It does require your participation on weekend training.

WEATHER

the weather chills we are must take care to dress for it. If it is cold wear a Hat and jacket. If it is wet bring a rain coat. I've been asked what the "uniform" is for winter weather. The unusual answer is that we dress warmly. So, if that means wearing a civilian style coat with our uniform or winter boots - so be it! Our unit has the sad history of being sent home during a winter SAREX because some silly members wore jungle boots and uninsulated BDU jackets in freezing weather. Our ES mission can not succeed if we are part of the victim list. Remember! Outdoor activities are possible at anytime! Don't come to a meeting without proper clothing! Light or dark you may well be outdoors!

WING FOXHUNT

Attention New Members! Bring your Membership card AND the signed Minnesota wing form 7. You may NOT participate in outside activities without these items. Actual ES missions also require a 101 Card with ES

checked for you to participate. Come ready to learn and have fun! Be on your best behavior as we will have many visitors from other units.

HOW TO PROMOTE

The 130th attempts to follow the National Requirements for promotion to the letter.

*Our unit does not employ a review board.

Leadership exam, Physical Fitness exam, Aerospace exam *None for the first achievement. Moral Leadership

Drill Exam *Not all achievements

In addition you must be in a full and correct CAP uniform to be promoted. *On 5th week Hawaiian night you must be in your blues.

HISTORY

I was trying to remember who named our newsletter "Call the Ball" when it was pointed out by a guest that this is a Naval not Air Force or CAP term. To be honest I had to scratch my head. It was created by our former flight commander Lt. Takada sometime before March 1996. Before that our only newsletter was the Red Wing "Winging-it" newsletter. Yes, two of your current seniors were originally signed on as members of the ol' 014 - Red Wing when we were first formed in the Farmington area. As some of you know "Calling the Ball" is a Naval

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term used by it's Aviators. *Do you know why there are Aviators or Naval Test "Pilots" but no Naval Pilots in the Navy? *Or at least none that fly aircraft? Check the back of this issue for the answer.*

THE BALL (from Oct 1996)

Naval Optical Landing system. A large mirror, concave around it's horizontal axis and straight around the vertical (Like a section of a cylinder) is placed on the flight deck alongside the desired aircraft touchdown point. Some distance aft of the mirror is a powerful light source pointed at it so that a cone of light produces the optimum glide slope for a landing aircraft to fly. When an aviator sees a white spot, or "ball" in the middle of it, he/she is in the center of the code and on the glide path. To help determine with precision, a horizontal row of colored datum lights are mounted on either side of the mirror. If the pilot is a little high in the cone, the ball appears a little above the datum lights. Conversely, if he fly' s low, the ball will appear below the datum lights.

WING COLOR GUARD

The cadet Competition to select the Minn. Wing Color Guard for 2002 will be at the University of MN Armory , 17 Nov 2001. Further information will be sent immediately. Plans to host it elsewhere have been affected by the budget and the 11 Sep 2001 Attack on America.

NEW WING PATCH

Look at that patch on your left shoulder. What the heck is it? Some claim it is a picture of the Dreaded Samurai Cow. Is it? Nope - It's supposed to be the CAP Gremlin. It was created personally by Cartoonist Walt Disney and approved for wear in 1950. Before that we

wore a patch very similar to our unit patch. The Wing patch you now wear will be phased out in a little over a year by a patch that more closely matches the original artwork. For now don't worry about it, it will be phased in by late 2002.

Fort Snelling will be hosting **Level 1 / Cadet Protection** on November 10, 2001 from 0800 to 1700 hrs. This class is open to all new senior members and cadets who will be turning senior in the next 3 months. Location to be announced, but it will be in the metro area.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mnwgcap.gov/ftsnelling/training.html> or call 651-776-6424. RSVP no later than November 2, 2001. Captain Jay A. Sliwinski

Our Creed: Honor, Leadership, Discipline, Motivation! Our original motto was Farmington, ALL THE WAY Hoo-Rah Tigers! Suggestions for a new motto that relates to our new squadron name?

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FROM: MINNESOTA WING / DC
TO: ALL COMMUNICATIONS / OPERATIONS
PERSONAL MINNESOTA WING

THE COMMUNICATIONS/OPERATIONS
MEETING TO BE HELD ON 27 OCT IS
POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE.

ANSWER:

Call the Ball Answer: Pilots is a term reserved in Naval Terms for the fellow who Pilots a Ship into harbor. The correct term is Naval Aviator.

SMILIN' JACK—SOLID BROTHER, SOLID!

